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111 00094-2759	BU 391AB 0.5925	616.04 1.500	2095.68 98.98	0.103 256.86	81.75 2006.940	259.0 1.352 258.9 1.346	ZIRM
- 00098-3347	SEE 3 0.8871	406.00 1.119	1978.45 41.7	0.850 77.6	267.70 2008.5490	117.0 0.801 117.7 0.814	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 00143-2732	HDS 33 12.4010	29.03 0.251	2018.12 59.8	0.378 73.9	177.0 2008.5432	132.0 0.189 141.6 0.199	CVETKOVIC
- 00149-3209	B 1024 0.2456	1466. 1.586	1926.38 110.4	0.814 311.8	126.0 2008.5431	73.1 0.410 72.3 0.410	LING
238 00174+0853	A 1803AB 10.0950	35.66 0.189	1950.70 95.4	0.002 282.0	124.10 2008.7670	306.0 0.179 305.0 0.187	HARTKOPF & MASON
281 00206+1219	BU 1015 2.6283	137.00 0.333	1961.65 35.0	0.557 10.0	291.20 2008.8879	103.8 0.483 104.7 0.487	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 00251+4803	HDS 56 12.8323	28.05 0.230	1999.30 164.0	0.481 358.9	96.1 2007.8257	294.0 0.326 288.7 0.334	CVETKOVIC
- 00284-2020	B 1909 31.7093	11.35 0.202	1995.09 69.8	0.005 99.0	119.49 2009.6710	311.9 0.175 334.8 0.109	HARTKOPF & MASON
475 00345-0433	D 2AB 0.1208	2981.00 2.740	2007.00 77.5	0.923 80.2	266.00 2009.7560	42.8 0.067 55.4 0.090	HARTKOPF & MASON
520 00373-2446	BU 395 14.3905	25.02 0.675	1998.78 78.6	0.218 318.1	291.98 2009.7560	96.7 0.496 101.0 0.596	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 00427-6537	I 440 1.8350	196.00 0.274	2142.00 157.0	0.650 344.0	57.00 2009.6710	269.3 0.402 268.7 0.405	HARTKOPF & MASON
822 00596-0111	A 1903AB 2.5107	143.40 0.354	1957.00 20.4	0.225 84.0	145.00 2008.7729	15.0 0.400 16.8 0.401	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 01071-0036	HDS 144AB 8.9916	40.04 0.274	2021.53 135.4	0.186 64.9	127.3 2008.7673	176.0 0.236 167.8 0.242	CVETKOVIC
- 01094-5636	HU 1342 4.5536	79.10 0.260	1967.70 118.1	0.457 4.0	153.10 2009.6710	328.6 0.373 327.6 0.370	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 01198-0031	FIN 337BC 13.3195	27.03 0.109	1995.04 16.8	0.215 13.0	194.00 2009.6710	38.4 0.131 47.3 0.128	MASON & HARTKOPF
- 01262-6751	DON 17 0.2381	1512.00 2.536	1949.90 37.0	0.947 344.0	148.00 2008.7700	287.7 1.282 288.0 1.297	HARTKOPF & MASON
1232 01343-0827	A 314 3.3353	107.90 0.296	1989.31 116.1	0.671 44.1	193.00 2008.7729	9.8 0.349 9.1 0.357	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 01350-2955	BU 1000AB-C 2.9152	123.50 1.510	1956.74 35.2	0.226 47.5	141.30 2008.7670	347.8 1.745 349.5 1.740	HARTKOPF & MASON
1360 01437+0934	BU 509 1.4923	241.20 0.900	1983.48 118.0	0.292 94.0	221.04 2008.7729	49.8 0.713 48.8 0.726	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 02009-4350	I 265 0.4647	775.00 1.209	1977.26 68.9	0.744 271.2	222.60 2008.6060	225.0 0.578 225.4 0.587	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 02198-3527	HJ 3494 0.7583	475.00 2.119	1918.20 146.2	0.494 72.0	80.30 2008.7729	245.1 2.225 244.6 2.236	HARTKOPF & MASON
2236 02572+0153	A 2413 2.8940	124.40 0.632	1930.27 70.1	0.449 101.3	185.10 2008.8879	158.1 0.538 159.3 0.547	HARTKOPF & MASON
2283 03003-1118	A 2611 4.8394	74.40 0.160	1950.00 46.4	0.510 314.0	220.00 2008.7679	44.4 0.172 47.0 0.165	HARTKOPF & MASON
2911 03590+0947	HU 27 1.3021	276.00 0.809	2083.00 77.7	0.673 261.6	184.10 2008.8879	328.9 0.401 329.8 0.406	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 04119+2338	CHR 14 8.8020	40.90 0.310	1992.97 71.4	0.853 73.3	155.90 2008.7732	15.1 0.265 17.2 0.258	MASON & HARTKOPF
- 04195+3800	HDS 552 10.9794	32.7 0.183	1994.23 104.6	0.653 288.8	128.4 2008.0688	348.7 0.114 343.7 0.125	CVETKOVIC
3151 04216+0658	A 1835 2.7959	128.76 0.220	1958.36 56.6	0.532 121.7	76.8 1996.8687	18.1 0.200 19.6 0.203	ZIRM
3191 04245+2244	BU 1235 1.6490	218.31 0.424	1973.93 85.3	0.123 184.3	57.1 1996.8712	256.3 0.097 259.2 0.086	ZIRM
- 04268+1240	WOR 15 8.8365	40.74 0.349	1995.54 131.6	0.793 316.9	140.2 2007.8260	1.9 0.471 0.0 0.487	ZIRM
3241 04275-2427	I 413 2.5279	142.40 0.484	1968.60 31.7	0.750 69.7	95.90 2008.7729	323.1 0.675 323.8 0.680	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 04340-5503	B 2092AB 29.7352	12.11 0.201	1986.90 46.0	0.777 40.0	304.90 2008.7729	220.8 0.101 3.9 0.035	HARTKOPF & MASON

3326 04362+0814	A 1840AB 1.4600	247.00 0.267	1996.20 145.3	0.404 53.8	118.20 2008.7700	13.4 9.8	0.146 0.149	HARTKOPF & MASON
3329 04366+1946	STT 86 0.4347	828.23 0.612	2094.65 146.3	0.228 190.4	139.4 2008.8498	0.4 359.8	0.472 0.472	ZIRM
3614 05017+2050	HU 445 2.1665	166.20 0.419	1892.00 45.0	0.037 323.0	290.90 2008.8500	136.5 138.3	0.389 0.385	HARTKOPF & MASON
3728 05089+0313	A 2636 0.9225	390.00 0.350	1947.50 42.0	0.841 82.0	120.00 2008.7729	348.8 349.2	0.349 0.351	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 05234-3640	I 275 0.4938	729.09 1.705	2002.31 130.1	0.530 161.2	40.0 2008.7703	222.5 221.4	0.803 0.806	ZIRM
- 05248-5219	I 345 2.9221	123.2 0.287	1995.50 124.8	0.692 47.8	47.8 2008.773	213.2 211.8	0.257 0.269	ARGYLE & ALZNER
- 05276-2055	SEE 53 4.3937	81.94 0.188	1992.59 11.8	0.413 35.0	288.00 2008.7700	86.3 89.7	0.201 0.207	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 05352-4657	RST 141 2.6817	134.00 0.357	1966.50 47.5	0.746 43.0	64.00 2008.7729	264.3 264.8	0.532 0.534	HARTKOPF & MASON
4279 05417-0254	BU 1052 1.8760	191.90 0.689	2005.60 99.3	0.126 353.9	186.40 2009.2650	185.7 185.3	0.602 0.600	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 05525-0217	HDS 787 29.7521	12.10 0.116	2000.43 54.0	0.179 289.8	149.80 2009.2650	338.1 2.1	0.112 0.083	MASON & HARTKOPF
- 05580-5212	HU 1570 1.6252	221.50 0.672	1955.83 22.9	0.748 34.0	155.00 2008.7729	345.1 345.6	0.947 0.955	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 06298-5014	R 65AB 6.7764	53.13 0.630	1969.44 121.5	0.977 67.1	140.00 2008.7700	260.2 259.3	0.584 0.559	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 06426+3955	HDS 930 27.3530	13.16 0.077	1999.12 150.0	0.282 295.8	123.9 2007.8207	285.5 252.2	0.072 0.057	CVETKOVIC
6526 08017-0836	A 1580 0.9014	399.00 0.351	1965.00 38.0	0.290 104.0	117.00 2009.2600	291.1 292.1	0.290 0.292	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 08125-4616	CHR 143Aa,Ab 13.8996	25.90 0.082	1987.68 76.9	0.610 259.0	167.30 2009.2625	334.8 340.0	0.057 0.056	MASON & HARTKOPF
6871 08331-2436	BU 205AB 2.5186	142.90 0.526	1954.38 150.8	0.290 90.1	177.70 2009.2620	294.0 292.3	0.586 0.587	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 08431-1225	RST3603 3.6861	97.70 0.266	1964.60 157.0	0.383 5.0	146.00 2009.2600	327.6 326.0	0.367 0.367	HARTKOPF & MASON
6989 08462-1422	HU 120 1.8222	197.60 0.475	1983.19 45.6	0.375 82.5	140.20 2009.2600	315.6 317.2	0.410 0.417	HARTKOPF & MASON
7021 08495+0852	BU 1068AB 0.8648	416.00 0.448	1964.40 128.1	0.608 82.1	151.70 2009.2600	322.7 322.1	0.360 0.363	HARTKOPF & MASON
7077 08542-0229	A 1754 0.7973	452.00 0.530	1975.10 46.0	0.510 292.0	115.80 2009.2600	123.9 124.9	0.352 0.355	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 09243-3926	FIN 348 9.0000	40.00 0.127	1984.38 149.7	0.548 107.0	222.10 2009.2625	272.7 268.9	0.169 0.167	MASON & HARTKOPF
7384 09279+3128	HO 366AB 1.0195	353.11 0.404	2001.30 19.4	0.764 166.1	9.8 1997.1315	250.9 256.1	0.136 0.144	ZIRM
7706 10163-2859	I 851 3.0775	117.00 0.216	1953.90 136.0	0.782 11.0	63.00 2009.2629	236.2 235.7	0.381 0.381	HARTKOPF & MASON
7871 10397+0851	STT 224AB 1.5981	225.30 0.534	2053.10 137.8	0.086 94.3	153.50 2009.2650	141.6 140.3	0.512 0.509	HARTKOPF & MASON
7896 10426+0335	A 2768 4.4306	81.30 0.394	1976.71 142.5	0.549 358.4	59.70 2009.2650	250.1 248.8	0.591 0.596	HARTKOPF & MASON
7982 10557+0044	BU 1076 2.6188	137.50 0.754	1921.20 125.1	0.710 322.3	219.20 2009.2650	53.8 53.4	1.139 1.136	HARTKOPF & MASON
8096 11141-1526	BU 916 0.0003	1386.46 1.177	1991.78 45.2	0.787 350.2	143.7 2004.2010	179.6 181.8	0.267 0.268	ZIRM
8138 11214-2027	STN 22 0.5038	714.60 5.896	2063.90 47.4	0.630 272.1	175.5 1998.37	351.5 352.1	3.896 3.857	ZIRM
8145 11230+0408	A 2776AB 3.7210	97.00 0.190	1998.00 53.6	0.942 75.0	192.00 2009.2600	55.2 56.3	0.155 0.161	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 11268-5310	I 883 2.3326	154.30 0.224	1976.81 35.3	0.640 311.7	129.80 2009.2600	227.4 228.8	0.226 0.230	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 11279-0142	RST4944 0.8058	447.00 0.405	2011.00 131.0	0.535 61.0	287.00 2009.2600	240.9 237.3	0.146 0.142	HARTKOPF & MASON
8332 11532-1540	A 2579 2.4772	145.30 0.403	1902.11 115.6	0.703 284.2	190.80 2009.2660	39.4 38.6	0.402 0.402	HARTKOPF & MASON
8481 12158-2321	BU 920 0.4124	873.04 2.012	1764.26 63.5	0.166 28.0	142.2 2009.2599	306.1 306.3	1.857 1.864	RICA
- 12396-3717	DAW 63 6.3276	56.89 0.368	1964.10 22.6	0.289 359.0	199.00 2009.2629	93.2 100.3	0.335 0.323	HARTKOPF & MASON
8757	BU 341	58.98	1964.10	0.988	136.2	131.6	0.583	ZIRM

13038-2035	6.1038	0.718	92.8	234.5	2009.2600	131.5	0.556	
-	FIN 297AB	61.30	1969.60	0.687	180.00	0.1	0.238	MASON &
13145-2417	5.8728	0.152	20.0	345.0	2008.5394	1.7	0.234	HARTKOPF
-	COU 401	98.70	2007.42	0.700	165.4	331.8	0.109	DOCOBO &
13482+2248	3.6474	0.401	76.8	70.9	2007.4868	337.5	0.154	TAMAZIAN
-	RST3852	95.00	1985.80	0.278	150.60	348.3	0.228	HARTKOPF
13539-1440	3.7887	0.225	128.9	31.2	2009.2660	346.2	0.234	& MASON
-	FIN 370	18.57	2006.54	0.201	284.00	159.4	0.120	MASON &
13574-6229	19.3861	0.137	152.2	32.0	2009.2627	140.0	0.134	HARTKOPF
9073	A 2167	109.40	1924.80	0.612	246.90	100.3	0.201	HARTKOPF
13583+0213	3.2896	0.228	119.5	270.3	2009.2600	98.6	0.201	& MASON
-	FIN 309	12.93	1995.25	0.643	281.90	90.6	0.176	MASON &
14462-2111	27.8444	0.181	25.9	39.5	2009.2628	106.3	0.226	HARTKOPF
9443	A 2172	168.30	2000.40	0.177	128.50	130.3	0.164	HARTKOPF
14565+0255	2.1391	0.196	115.0	326.0	2009.2629	129.1	0.165	& MASON
-	FIN 372	39.62	1993.81	0.304	228.00	1.3	0.103	MASON &
14567-6247	9.0863	0.086	153.3	68.6	2009.2603	355.9	0.103	HARTKOPF
-	HJ 4757	258.00	2075.00	0.931	116.00	1.7	0.823	HARTKOPF
15234-5919	1.3933	2.576	100.4	264.9	2009.2600	0.8	0.823	& MASON
-	COU 798	154.7	1983.37	0.357	46.1	199.4	0.171	DOCOBO &
15347+2655	2.3271	0.259	66.7	24.7	2007.5061	201.3	0.179	TAMAZIAN
-	CHR 51	50.60	2002.78	0.832	74.00	246.4	0.328	MASON &
15513-0305	7.1146	0.400	98.1	72.8	2009.2657	245.6	0.337	HARTKOPF
-	MCA 42CE	39.00	2034.20	0.029	184.00	320.2	0.116	MASON &
16054-1948	9.2308	0.133	41.1	350.0	2009.2629	328.8	0.122	HARTKOPF
10017	HU 481	119.50	1997.95	0.567	172.60	271.5	0.300	HARTKOPF
16212+2259	3.0130	0.464	146.8	160.5	2009.2629	266.7	0.313	& MASON
10095	A 693	96.40	1991.55	0.273	221.70	138.3	0.121	HARTKOPF
16318-0216	3.7351	0.196	129.2	345.4	2009.2629	132.4	0.122	& MASON
-	FIN 355	14.22	1985.98	0.491	190.41	197.4	0.326	MASON &
17156-3836	25.3254	0.253	115.2	135.2	2009.2606	191.3	0.300	HARTKOPF
-	COU 315	90.50	2012.83	0.975	103.4	127.8	0.103	DOCOBO &
17161+2316	3.9779	0.506	100.4	89.3	2007.4927	123.5	0.090	TAMAZIAN
-	HDO 275	98.60	1986.76	0.319	266.30	87.2	0.673	HARTKOPF
17443-7213	3.6505	0.629	150.1	58.6	2009.2629	84.7	0.684	& MASON
10858	STF3128AB	409.00	1947.60	0.942	214.00	50.7	1.214	HARTKOPF
17530-0755	0.8807	0.965	153.0	356.0	2009.2660	50.5	1.225	& MASON
-	RST5099	43.40	1965.80	0.499	122.40	275.5	0.098	HARTKOPF
18044-5953	8.2895	0.269	65.5	106.4	2009.2629	291.1	0.139	& MASON
11260	HU 197	135.40	1930.80	0.057	238.02	67.0	0.500	HARTKOPF
18197+1016	2.6588	0.487	125.7	317.5	2009.2660	65.5	0.503	& MASON
11468	A 1377AB	228.1	1918.53	0.437	55.2	124.5	0.253	SCARDIA
18339+5221	1.5783	0.268	49.3	272.0	2008.711	125.6	0.253	et al. (*)
11640	FIN 332Aa,Ab	27.03	1994.20	0.790	136.2	312.0	0.160	MASON &
18455+0530	13.3185	0.094	106.0	10.0	2009.2634	311.2	0.155	HARTKOPF
11640	FIN 332Ba,Bb	38.60	1967.90	0.867	111.8	6.8	0.043	MASON &
18455+0530	9.3264	0.105	117.2	311.2	2009.2634	356.6	0.053	HARTKOPF
-	MCA 53	33.65	1989.71	0.333	174.30	71.3	0.040	MASON &
18465-0058	10.6984	0.219	97.9	251.7	2009.2634	38.7	0.054	HARTKOPF
-	HEI 568	205.16	2014.60	0.230	94.5	268.8	0.307	ZIRM
19070+1104	1.7547	0.399	134.3	201.4	2008.5373	266.7	0.305	
12803	STF2574	685.13	2057.26	0.670	107.6	92.9	0.507	ZIRM
19406+6240	0.5254	1.302	78.9	48.2	1999.7420	93.4	0.511	
-	CHR 88	20.31	1996.06	0.047	202.00	335.9	0.083	MASON &
19407-0037	17.7253	0.085	158.3	346.0	2009.2661	318.2	0.081	HARTKOPF
13048	B 454	101.50	1960.60	0.120	159.93	321.8	0.085	HARTKOPF
19531-2528	3.5467	0.316	85.6	286.9	2009.2629	325.0	0.101	& MASON
13493	BU 1205	139.90	1983.50	0.384	231.24	33.9	0.279	HARTKOPF
20123-0806	2.5728	0.486	78.3	10.4	2008.5430	35.3	0.299	& MASON
13717	BAR 12Ba,Bb	538.62	2073.19	0.070	96.6	63.2	0.541	ZIRM
20210-1447	0.6684	0.943	112.6	107.7	2008.7724	62.4	0.534	
13850	A 730	88.44	1932.47	0.818	56.6	283.4	0.150	SCARDIA
20251+5936	4.0724	0.197	129.6	266.5	2008.802	280.7	0.145	et al. (*) (I)
13850	A 730	163.0	2037.06	0.066	150.1	98.8	0.125	SCARDIA
20251+5936	2.2086	0.224	118.7	135.5	2008.802	95.3	0.121	et al. (*) (II)
-	FIN 336	55.00	1967.60	0.672	150.80	127.6	0.152	MASON &
20311-1503	6.5455	0.158	66.2	102.4	2009.6705	129.7	0.152	HARTKOPF
-	B 997	64.20	1953.70	0.188	275.00	182.7	0.130	HARTKOPF
20507-3116	5.6083	0.195	41.4	330.0	2008.7729	192.2	0.128	& MASON

14492 20591-1313	HU 83 2.0729	174.00 0.251	2055.00 47.0	0.210 93.6	101.50 2008.7670	86.3 0.254 87.7 0.254	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 21244-4100	BU 766AB 0.7748	464.66 0.836	2042.14 111.8	0.201 315.3	113.8 1999.7811	183.3 0.272 180.7 0.276	ZIRM
14954 21251+0923	BU 164AB 0.9957	361.54 0.555	2023.74 104.5	0.875 47.7	79.3 2008.7723	131.7 0.085 126.6 0.086	ZIRM
- 21273-3218	B 1007 3.0224	119.10 0.158	1971.70 50.8	0.237 337.6	197.40 2008.7670	323.2 0.128 326.0 0.131	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 21274-0701	HDS3053 17.7340	20.30 0.171	1994.70 54.5	0.370 140.0	154.00 2009.6707	161.3 0.187 170.6 0.160	MASON & HARTKOPF
16057 22330+6955	STF2924 1.6453	218.8 0.759	1971.59 77.7	0.272 2.5	81.2 2008.939	200.7 0.175 206.7 0.188	SCARDIA et al. (*)
16130 22384-0754	A 2695 2.9023	124.00 0.255	2022.70 76.6	0.660 50.9	283.40 2009.6710	255.8 0.094 259.3 0.099	HARTKOPF & MASON
16157 22400+0113	A 2099 1.4065	256.00 0.604	1917.90 76.9	0.454 2.0	348.30 2008.8879	163.6 0.779 163.8 0.785	HARTKOPF & MASON
16165 22406+0632	HU 494 0.6545	550.00 0.500	1942.00 29.0	0.823 90.0	99.00 2008.7700	331.6 0.465 332.0 0.469	HARTKOPF & MASON
16242 22455+1112	BU 711 0.4500	800. 2.321	1843.48 135.2	0.629 2.2	144.2 2005.688	351.0 2.553 350.7 2.564	DOCOBO & LING
- 22500-3248	HDO 301 13.5865	26.50 0.199	1962.46 148.9	0.534 257.0	194.70 2008.7700	66.8 0.202 56.5 0.186	HARTKOPF & MASON
- 22535-1137	MCA 73 19.2410	18.71 0.079	1991.52 66.9	0.061 277.0	110.30 2008.7670	24.3 0.029 68.0 0.040	MASON & HARTKOPF
- 23099-2227	RST3320 3.3217	108.40 0.282	2001.94 162.4	0.463 314.0	156.00 2009.6710	133.1 0.189 127.1 0.197	HARTKOPF & MASON
16576 23114+3813	HU 197AB 2.1144	170.26 0.419	1843.59 106.7	0.456 249.6	120.4 2009.736	266.6 0.536 266.0 0.540	RICA
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- 23529-0309	FIN 359 15.7826	22.81 0.083	1988.72 133.7	0.422 298.3	209.50 2009.6708	340.0 0.044 291.0 0.034	MASON & HARTKOPF

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JOHN DAVIS (1932 - 2010)

Professor John Davis passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, 15 January 2010 in Sydney Australia. Prof. Davis obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Manchester and after a short post-doc moved to Australia in the early 1960's to join Hanbury Brown in the development and use of the Intensity Interferometer, for in his own words "no young post-doc in his right mind would have said anything other than yes, please!". The Intensity Interferometer was operational from 1963-1974, after which Prof. Davis led the effort along with William Tango to establish its successor, the Sydney University Stellar Interferometer whose work is ongoing. John's career is summarized in his own words in the personal remarks following the text of his Ellery Lecture from 2006 (Pub. Astron. Soc. Aus. 23, 94-104, 2006 - <http://www.publish.csiro.au/?act=viewfile&fileid=AS06012.pdf>).

Prof. Davis was engaged in active research till the end, and his influence on the field of high resolution Astronomy, both in his research and in the training of several generations of interferometry "black belts" will be felt for many years to come. He is survived by his wife Madeline and his children, and will be sorely missed by those of us fortunate enough to have known him.

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FORTHCOMING MEETING

First announcement

Ever wondered what you could do with the 100 million binaries that will be observed with the forthcoming Gaia space astrometry mission from the European Space Agency? Ever wondered whether your favorite binary will be extensively observed or whether binary members will improve or degrade the results you expect for your favorite star cluster?

The GREAT (<http://www.ast.cam.ac.uk/GREAT>) working group on Binaries and Multiple Systems is setup to deal with these kinds of questions. It gathers scientists interested in using the Gaia results for their scientific exploitation as well as those working on processing the observations in the first place. This think tank welcomes anybody interested in double and multiple stars in anticipation of the Gaia harvest. Belonging to any GREAT working group does not offer any privileged/early access to the Gaia data but it increases the likelihood of being ready to efficiently interpret them whenever they become public.

The kick-off meeting of the GREAT - Binaries and Multiple Systems working group will take place in Brussels (Belgium) in May 17 and 18. Details at:

<http://camd08.ast.cam.ac.uk/Greatwiki/WGB3BinariesAndMultipleSystems>

Looking forward to welcoming you in this working group,
D. Pourbaix & F. Arenou

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